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Inmate Death at FCI Williamsburg

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Thursday, January 7, 2021, inmate William Dahl tested positive for COVID-19 at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Williamsburg in Salters, South Carolina and was transported to a local hospital for further treatment and evaluation. On Tuesday, January 12, 2021, Mr. Dahl was transported back to the institution and placed in medical isolation. On Thursday, January 14, 2021, Mr. Dahl was found unresponsive. Responding staff immediately initiated life-saving measures. Staff requested emergency medical services (EMS) and life-saving efforts continued. Mr. Dahl was transported by EMS to a local hospital. Subsequently on the same day, Mr. Dahl, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions, which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by hospital staff.

Mr. Dahl was a 60-year-old male who was sentenced in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania to a 293-month sentence for Attempted Use of an Interstate Commerce Facility to Entice a Minor to Engage in Sexual Conduct and Attempted Transfer of Obscene Material to Minors. He had been in custody at FCI Williamsburg since August 24, 2018.

FCI Williamsburg is a medium security facility that currently houses 1,358 male offenders.

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